

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)  
WITHOUT FILING FEE OR EXECUTED INVENTOR'S OATH/DECLARATION**



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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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Date: January 30, 2001

Sir:

This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

**INK CARTRIDGE AND INK JET PRINTER**

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- ☒ An abstract together with  
61 pages of specification and claims including  
21 numbered claims and also attached is/are  
26 sheets of accompanying drawings and 2 sheets of tables.  
☒ This application is based on the following prior foreign application(s):

Application No.	Country	Filing Date
2000-22896	JAPAN	31 January 2000
2000-121455	JAPAN	21 April 2000
2000-169244	JAPAN	6 June 2000
2000-77108	JAPAN	17 March 2000

respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

- ☐ This application is based on the following prior provisional application(s):

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Certified copy/ies of foreign applications attached.

This application is a ☐ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed

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Preliminary amendment to claims (attached hereto), to be entered before calculation of the fee.

Also attached: ☐ Information Disclosure Statement ; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Other:

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